

SHORT CUT TO VOTE IS A 12-HOUR TRIP ON STATEN ISLAND

Freakish Placing of Polling
Places May Disfranchise
Thousands.

With the big Presidential election coming on in November, residents of Hamilton Court, New Dorp Manor, Flatbush and part of Richmond, all on Staten Island, are wondering how they are going to vote. By a freakish arrangement of polling places they are practically disfranchised, as they are required to pass by at least twenty polling places to get to the one that is officially designated as theirs and which trip requires a full six hours each way even with the best of trolley and bus connections.

As an alternative to the circuitous bus route to their polling place, the Board of Elections advised the residents—400 of whom had signed a petition for a new voting booth—to walk. By walking up the highest ridge on the Atlantic coast between Florida and Maine they can drop their ballots. But this walk, although a "short cut," is five miles and none but a young athlete would care to do it even on Election Day.

The disfranchised voters are practically all descendants of the first settlers. Their homes are those once occupied by Revolutionary War soldiers and they boast that they are 100 per cent. Americans in principle and in lineage as well. A few miles from them is a foreign speaking colony. This colony has a voting booth within three minutes' walk. The pure-blooded Americans would not mind sharing this booth, but for some reason are instructed that they must go to their own, even though the trip takes them over all Staten Island.

Here is the road to the ballot box as explained to-day by one of the lost voters: Walk from the vicinity of Ambrose Channel Light to Richmond; take a bus to St. George; transfer to a trolley to Port Richmond; then another bus to Bullishead; and walk a mile or so to the booth. The round trip takes six hours, covers twenty miles and passes up twenty polling places along the way.

Matt Cahill and Major Charles Reese, representing the 800 voters concerned, appeared before the Board of Elections. Their appeal was lost when Joseph Thompson, the Republican leader, said: "A change is unnecessary."

The districts concerned usually give only a scattering vote to Republican candidates.

ADMIRER ACCUSES HER.

Referee Recommends Annulment of Marriage Husband Asks.

William Bondy, referee appointed in the suit for annulment brought by Joseph P. Bernalm, a lawyer, against his wife, Mrs. Estelle Bernalm, former music teacher, recommends in his report filed in the Supreme Court yesterday that the lawyer's application be granted.

Testimony taken at the hearing reveals a curious situation, in which a confessed admirer of Mrs. Bernalm is the star witness against her. It is on the testimony of this admirer, George Wolf, an exporter and former secretary to Gen. Leonard Wood, that the referee decided Mrs. Bernalm

"falsely and fraudulently represented" to her husband that she was of good character.

EIGHT FAMILIES FLEE FIRE.

Lighted Cigarette Causes \$10,000 Blaze in Brooklyn.

Eight families fled precipitately from the four-story building at No. 14 Cook Street, Brooklyn, soon after 7 o'clock this morning when the roof of the structure caught fire from a \$10,000 blaze at No. 887 Broadway, occupied by Meuser Bros. as a pool and billiard establishment. The fire in the apartment house was quickly extinguished. The other building was owned by Abraham Westheim of No. 1954 Park Place, Brooklyn. A lighted cigarette is said to have caused the fire.

ROB LAWYER OF JEWELRY.

Cedarhurst Home of Nell H. Vandewater Burglarized.

Several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry was stolen last night from the home of Nell H. Vandewater, lawyer, at Cedarhurst, Nassau County detectives have no clue to the burglars. A list of the missing articles comprising bracelets, strings of gold beads, earrings, a platinum bar pin and a woman's gold watch, was forwarded to Manhattan police authorities. Mr. Vandewater has offices at Mineola.

Eight-Day Fire on Pacific Isles. TOKIO, July 27 (Associated Press).—The crew of the Pacific Mail Line freighter Elkridge fought a fire in the hold during the eight days voyage from Honolulu. They were handicapped by an explosion of ammonia, but confined the fire to the hold where it originated.

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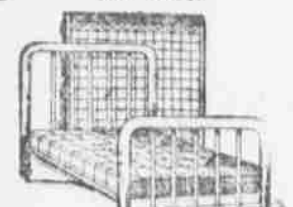
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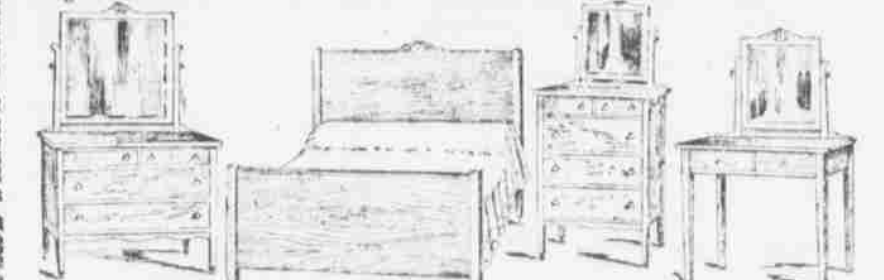
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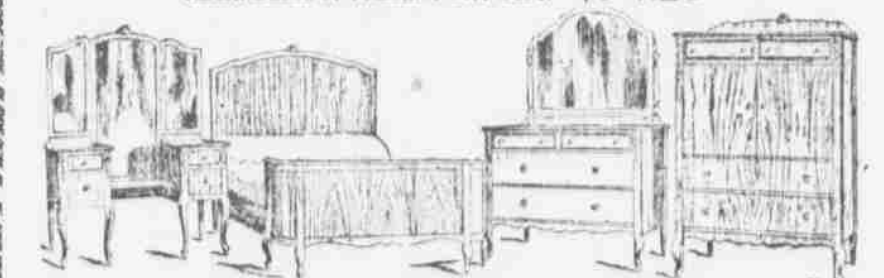
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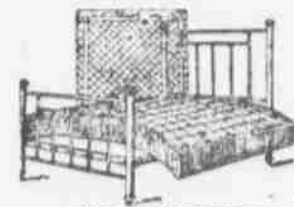
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